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Status						
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closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.						
Disposition of Claims						
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-11</u> is/are pending in the application.						
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>4,5,9 and 10</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.						
5)⊠ Claim(s) <u>11</u> is/are allowed.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-3 and 6-8</u> is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/o	r election requirement.					
Application Papers						
9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.					
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.						
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).						
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).						
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:						
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
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DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02/23/2009 has been entered.

Applicants' arguments, filed 02/23/2009 and 05/04/2009, have been fully considered. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn. The following rejections and/or objections are either reiterated or newly applied. They constitute the complete set presently being applied to the instant application.

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Election/Restrictions

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Because Applicant amended around the prior species, the following species is now examined:

3-(p-methoxybenzoyl)-N-acetylindole

which reads on the instant claims where instant R1=H, R2=H, R3=H, Q=Cry and Ry is H, X is CHR7 and R7 is H but the group is not present when p=0, Y=C(O)(CH2)n where n=0, R6=C6aryl optionally substituted with C1alkoxy, R4=H, and R5=H.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 are objected to because of the following informalities: Examiner notes multiple uses of the letter "n" to define the number of CH2 groups in various R groupings (such as R2, R3, R4,...). It is unclear if "n" is independently selected for each group or if "n" is constant for all. Appropriate correction is required.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by lenega et al (US 4,708,961).

lenega et al teaches the compound 3-(p-methoxybenzoyl)-N-acetylindole (col 2 line 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 11 is allowed. The closest prior art appears to be lenega et al (US 4,708,961), discussed above, and Giudicelli (FR 74 26208 A1), discussed in the Final Office Action dated 02/03/09. Neither of these references teaches the R groups of instant claim 11, where the instant R groups include such groups as heteroaryl rings, substituted amines, and alkyl esters. The prior art does not provide motivation for one of ordinary skill to substitute the methyl and hydrogen group in the prior art compounds for the instantly claimed R groups.

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin Packard whose telephone number is 571-270-3440. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frederick Krass can be reached on 571-272-0580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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